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The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m.

Agenda item 17: Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

1. **Mr. Monayair** (Kuwait), supported by **Mr. Darwish** (Egypt), speaking on a point of order, requested that the meeting be suspended for 10 minutes.

2. **The Chairman**, in accordance with rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and in the absence of any objections, declared the meeting suspended.

The meeting was suspended at 10.05 a.m. and resumed at 10.15 a.m.

3. **The Chairman** drew the Committee's attention to rule 92 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly governing elections by secret ballot and to paragraph 16 of General Assembly decision 34/401 on the same subject.

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/53/101; A/C.5/53/5)

4. **The Chairman** drew the Committee's attention to rules 155 and 156 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and said that the Assembly needed to appoint six persons for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999 to fill the vacancies that would arise in the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on 31 December 1998. According to the Secretary-General's note (A/C.5/53/5), nine persons had been nominated by their respective Governments. Since the number of candidates endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States was equal to the number of vacancies for that group, he proposed that the Committee should take its decision by acclamation.

5. *It was so decided.*

6. *The Committee decided to recommend the appointment of Ms. Incera (Costa Rica) to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.*

7. **The Chairman** invited the Committee to elect by secret ballot three candidates from the Group of Asian States and drew the attention of members of the Committee to rule 94 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

8. *At the invitation of the Chairman, Ms. Dinic (Croatia) and Ms. Achouri (Tunisia) acted as tellers.*

9. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Number of ballot papers:	176
Invalid ballots:	5
Number of valid ballots:	1..
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	171
Required majority:	86
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Toya (Japan)	143
Mr. Kamal (Pakistan)	127
Mr. Saha (India)	113
Mr. Tang (China)	105

10. *Having obtained the required majority and the greatest number of votes, Mr. Kamal (Pakistan), Mr. Saha (India) and Mr. Toya (Japan) were recommended for appointment to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.*

11. **The Chairman** invited the Committee to elect by secret ballot two candidates from the Group of Western European and Other States.

12. *At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Monayair (Kuwait) and Ms. Cardoze (Panama) acted as tellers*

13. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Number of ballot papers:	177
Invalid ballots:	4
Number of valid ballots:	173
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	173
Required majority:	87
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Thorne (United Kingdom)	105
Mr. Stein (Germany)	92
Mr. Valenza (Italy)	92
Ms. Shearouse (United States of America)	55

14. **The Chairman** invited the Committee to elect by secret ballot one of the two candidates who had obtained the same number of votes.

15. *At the invitation of the Chairman, Ms. Dinic (Croatia), Mr. Monayair (Kuwait) and Ms. Cardoze (Panama) acted as tellers.*

16. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Number of ballot papers:	177
Invalid ballots:	4
Number of valid ballots:	173
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	172
Required majority:	87
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Valenza (Italy)	105
Mr. Stein (Germany)	67

17. *Having obtained the required majority and the greatest number of votes, Mr. Thorne (United Kingdom) and Mr. Valenza (Italy) were recommended for appointment to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.*

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions (A/53/102; A/C.5/53/6)

18. **The Chairman** drew the Committee's attention to rules 158 and 159 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and said that the Assembly needed to appoint six persons for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999 to fill the vacancies that would arise in the Committee on Contributions on 31 December 1998. According to the Secretary-General's note (A/C.5/53/6), seven persons had been nominated by their respective Governments. Since the number of candidates endorsed by the Group of African States and the Group of Western European and Other States, respectively, was equal to the number of vacancies for each group, he took it that the Committee wished to take its decision by acclamation.

19. *It was so decided.*

20. *The Committee decided to recommend the appointment of Mr. Bierma (Netherlands), Mr. Ekorong A Ndong (Cameroon), Mr. Francis (Australia) and Mr. Hanson-Hall (Ghana) to the Committee on Contributions.*

21. **The Chairman** said that, in the case of the two vacancies to be filled within the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, he had been informed that there was an agreement within the Group to jointly nominate three experts who would share by rotation the Group's two vacancies for the period 1999–2001, with each of the three nominees serving for two years. The Office of the Legal Counsel had confirmed that the General Assembly had in the past permitted the sharing of seats if there was agreement within a group to such sharing and provided that there was no objection by any other member of the Assembly.

22. If he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee agreed that the three candidates could share the two seats on the Committee on Contributions for the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

23. *It was so decided.*

24. **The Chairman** said that, unless he heard any objection and without prejudice to rule 159 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, he would take it that the Committee wished to take its decision on the appointments by acclamation.

25. *It was so decided.*

26. *The Committee decided to recommend the appointment to the Committee on Contributions of Mr. Chaparro Ruiz (Chile) for a term of office from 1 January 1999 to 31 December 2000, Mr. Greiver (Uruguay) for a term of office from 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2001, and Mr. Iglesias (Argentina) for a term of office from 1 January to 31 December 1999 and from 1 January to 31 December 2001.*

(c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors (A/53/103; A/C.5/53/7)

27. **The Chairman** drew the Committee's attention to the note of the Secretary-General (A/53/103) informing the General Assembly of the need to appoint the Auditor-General (or officer holding the equivalent title) of a Member State for a three-year term of office to fill the vacancy that would arise on 1 July 1999 on the United Nations Board of Auditors. Since three Governments had presented candidates to fill the vacancy, he invited the Committee to elect one of the candidates by secret ballot.

28. *At the invitation of the Chairman, Ms. Duschner (Canada), Mr. Medina (Morocco) and Ms. Kaukungwa (Namibia) acted as tellers.*

29. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Number of ballot papers:	177
Invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	177
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	176
Required majority:	89
Number of votes obtained:	
The Chairman of the Commission of Audit of the Philippines	117
The Auditor-General of Pakistan	33
The Comptroller and Auditor-General of India	26

30. *Having obtained the required majority, the Chairman of the Commission of Audit of the Philippines was recommended for appointment to the Board of Auditors.*

(d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee (A/53/104; A/C.5/53/8)

31. **The Chairman** drew the Committee's attention to document A/C.5/53/8, in which the Secretary-General had presented for confirmation by the General Assembly the reappointment of three members of the Investments Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1998. Since the number of candidates

corresponded to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Committee wished to take its decision by acclamation.

32. *It was so decided.*

33. *The Committee decided to recommend the reappointment of Mr. Oltramare (Switzerland), Mr. Omaboe (Ghana) and Mr. Reimnitz (Germany) to the Investments Committee.*

(e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal (A/53/105; A/C.5/53/9)

34. **The Chairman** drew the Committee's attention to document A/C.5/53/9, in which the Secretary-General communicated to the General Assembly the names of three persons nominated by their respective Governments to fill the two vacancies in the membership of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999. Since the number of candidates was greater than the number of vacancies, he invited the Committee to elect by secret ballot two of the candidates.

35. *At the invitation of the Chairman, Ms. Silot (Cuba), Mr. Ivaschenko (Ukraine) and Mr. Mazemo (Zimbabwe) acted as tellers.*

36. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Number of ballot papers:	177
Invalid ballots:	3
Number of valid ballots:	174
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	173
Required majority:	87
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Haugh (Ireland)	128
Ms. Ashford (United States of America)	110
Ms. Magezi (Uganda)	91

37. *Having obtained the required majority and the greatest number of votes, Mr. Haugh (Ireland) and Ms. Ashford (United States of America) were recommended for appointment to the United Nations Administrative Tribunal.*

(f) International Civil Service Commission

(i) Appointment of members of the Commission (A/53/106; A/C.5/53/10)

38. **The Chairman** drew the Committee's attention to document A/C.5/53/10, in which the Secretary-General communicated to the General Assembly the names of five persons nominated by their respective Governments for appointment to the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999. Since the number of candidates was equal to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Committee wished to take its decision by acclamation.

39. *It was so decided*

40. *The Committee decided to recommend the reappointment of Mr. Bel Hadj Amor (Tunisia), Ms. Daddah (Mauritania), Mr. Stöckl (Germany) and Mr. Vegega (Argentina) and the appointment of Mr. Wyzner (Poland) to the International Civil Service Commission.*

(ii) Designation of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Commission (A/53/106; A/C.5/53/10/Add.1)

41. **The Chairman** drew the Committee's attention to document A/C.5/53/10/Add.1, in which the Secretary-General communicated to the General Assembly the names of two candidates for the posts of Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively, of the International Civil Service Commission. Since the number of candidates was equal to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Committee wished to take its decision by acclamation.

42. *It was so decided.*

43. *The Committee decided to recommend the reappointment of Mr. Bel Hadj Amor and Mr. Vegega as President and Vice-President, respectively, of the International Civil Service Commission.*

44. **The Chairman** said that the Committee had thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 17 (a) to (f) and requested the Rapporteur to report directly thereon to the General Assembly.

The meeting rose at 12.30 p.m.